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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting with [redacted] Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. concerning "rapprochement deception operation"

PERSONS PRESENT : The undersigned (as William Wickman) and [redacted]

REFERENCE : Memo - AMWHIP-1 Meeting, 19 February, paragraph 3.p.

06 1 Meeting/Time/Place and Purpose. Meeting was held with [redacted] at 1000 hours in Suite 375 at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. Mr. [redacted] is chief of the Governmental Relations Office of [redacted] with his office located at [redacted] New York (details of address to be provided later), telephone [redacted]. Purpose of the meeting was to request the use of Mr. [redacted] name as a backstop for a phase of the rapprochement deception operation which would involve AMWHIP-1. We asked Mr. [redacted] for 15 minutes of his time, however, the meeting progressed so satisfactorily that we spent just under one hour with him.

2. After an explanation of what we wanted from Mr. [redacted] he agreed to cooperate. He had only one reservation and that is the fact that some members of his family are still in Cuba. They are being checked out, although Mr. [redacted] role as the carrier of a rumor heard in Washington circles, is certainly no type of activity that we can foresee as endangering these relatives. The problems of his relatives and the aforementioned opinion were discussed at length with Mr. [redacted] who readily agreed to accept our judgement in this matter. Mr. [redacted] was advised of the identity of AMWHIP-1 and the advisability was discussed of allowing the agent to meet Mr. [redacted] in order to strengthen the plausibility of the source of the rumor. Mr. [redacted] was in agreement with this and very kindly made arrangements with his secretary in New York for a meeting with AMWHIP-1 at 1500 hours on Monday, 8 March in his office in New York City.

3. The undersigned has advised AMWHIP of this development and the appointment, and the fact that he (the undersigned) will be in New York Monday to brief AMWHIP on the meeting and possibly also attend himself.

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4. For the record the undersigned also plans to pay a courtesy call on both the offices of OO and DODS in New York. It is not planned to go into any details of the operation other than what is absolutely necessary.



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